States, or, as the case may be, the Administrator of the Union territory;

(7) three other members, of whom one, shall be a person having knowledge and experience in town planning, to be nominated by the Central Government;

(8) a full time Member Secretary to the Board, to be nominated by the Central Government from amongst officers of or above the rank of a Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

Telugu-Ganga Project

99. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to consider the Telugu-Ganga Project was fixed in the first week of June, 1986, which was to be presided over by the Minister for Water Resources;

(b) if so, the specific aspects concerning the Telugu-Ganga project, which were scheduled to be discussed at the meeting;

(c) the reasons for which the meeting was subsequently cancelled; and

(d) the reasons for not clearing this project by the Centre so far though it is in accordance with the recommendations of the Bachawat Commission?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The inter-State aspects of the irrigation component of the project.

(c) Some of the Chief Ministers intimated their inability to attend the meeting on that day.

(d) The techno-economic viability of the project is under examination in the Central Water Commission and certain clarifications in that regard are awaited from the State Government. The State Government is also to obtain clearance from the environmental angle and for the release of forest land under the Forest Conservation Act. The objections raised by the States of Maharasntra and Karnataka are also required to be sorted out.

Irrigation projects of Andhra Pradesh

100. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of irrigation projects relating to Andhra Pradesh which are pending clearance by the Central Government; and

(b) the reasons for the delay in giving clearance to these projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 11 major and 6 medium irrigation projects have been sent by Andhra Pradesh for clearance.

(b) The projects are pending clearance broadly because of the following reasons:

(1) delay in the submission of complete data/information by the State Government in response to the comments of the Central Water Commission/Department of Environment and Forest.

(2) inter-State aspects to be resolved with the concerned States.

(3) clearance from the environmental angle and for the release of forest land under the Forest Conservation Act.

Construction of T. V. Studio at Vijayawada

101. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to select a site for the television studio to be constructed at Vijaywada in Andhra Pradesh as sanctioned by the Central Government in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the deails of the progress made so far for the Completion of the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Technical survey of the possible sites has been carried out. Final selection of site is to be made.

(b) The implementation of the project would depend on the annual allocation of Plan funds. Normally completion of such a project takes about 3-4 years after commencement of works on site.

Collaboration with USA for low cost Houseing Schemes

102. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any have been received from the U laboration in the low cost housing schemes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Payments to farmer for acquiring lands under National Capital Region Plan

103. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of villages and farmers are likely to be affected by the implementation of the National Capital Region Plan;

(b) if so, the total number of villages and the total number of people likely to be affected;

(c) whether Government have prepared any plan for giving compensation at the market rate to the agriculturists whose lands they have acquired and for providing employment and rehabilitation to the agriculturists rendered jobless; and

(d) whether Government propose to include a representative of farmers on the National Capital Region Board to safeguard the interests of the affected villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The NCR Plan is still under preparation.

(c) The NCR Planning Board is only a planning and monitoring body. The State Governments concerned will have to acquire land and pay compensation as per the provisions of the existing law in the State.

(d) The composition of the NCR Planning Board is already laid down in the NCR Planning Board Act, 1985 and the Board has been constituted accordingly.

Guidelines for selection of serials by Doordarshan

104. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the latest guidelines for the selection of serial by Doordarshan;

(b) whether Doordarshan examines the script of all episodes/parts of the serial before its selection and perviews the same before its actual telecast; and

(c) what are the rates paid by Doordarshan for the telecasting of various serials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Revised guidelines for the selection of serials by Doordarshan are being finalised by the Government.

(c) Doordarshan does not make any payment for telecast of various serials. The cost of production of the seral is borne by the sponsor who also pays Doordarshan for air time.

Fall in steel prices

105. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state what are the details of the steps Government propose to take to check fall in steel prices?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): There has been no revision in the JPC base prices of steel produced by integrated steel plants